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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W., Room TWB-204 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 20, 2003, Jerry Cerasale and James Conway of the Direct Marketing Association ("DMA") and Ian D. Volner, Heather L. McDowell, and Ronald M. Jacobs of Venable discussed the Commission's rules implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 ("TCPA") with Chairman Michael K. Powell; K. Dane Snowden, Chief of the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau; and Bryan N. Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell.

During the meeting, we discussed the DMA's positions, as stated in its various submissions in this proceeding, on the creation of a national do-not-call list and its interaction with both the Federal Trade Commission's list and state do-not-call lists. We also discussed DMA's position on "predictive dialers."

In accordance with the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Ian D. Volner

cc: Michael K. Powell K. Dane Snowden Bryan N. Tramont Jerry Cerasale James Conway